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THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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URBAN DISTRICT OF HORNSEA.

YEAR, 1946.

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HORNSEA URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.
Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1946.

To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council of Hornsea.

Madam & Gentlemen,

I beg to submit to you my Annual Report as Medical Officer of Health for the year ended 31st December, 1946.

Consideration of the Vital Statistics of the District reveal little needing special comment. The birth and death rates for the year shew a small decrease; as usual, as might be expected in a population composed to a large extent of elderly retired persons, the principal causes of death were (1) heart desease, (2) intracranial vascular lesions (3) cancer. These three groups of diseases were responsible for slightly over 50% of the deaths. The birth rate is now corrected for inward and outward transfers the actual number of births registered being 178, of which over 80% were conducted in the local nursing home a large proportion of these being transferable to other districts. The incidence of notifiable infectious diseases has been exceptionally light, very few cases of measles and whooping cough having been reported. It is particularly gratifying that no case of diphtheria has occurred during the year , the fourth in succession in which there has been complete freedom from this disease.

After the lull in building activity during the war period towards the end of the year work was completed on the advance preparation of the housing site on the Rolston Road, and where there

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is provision for the erection of over 200 permanent houses, and also at a site on the north cliff, the erection of 15 prefabricated dwellings was carried out. In addition a number of small houses have been built by private enterprise. The completion of the ambitious scheme in the southern part of the District during 1947 should relieve the present pressing need of the people for adequate living accommodation, and deplete many of the inferior temporary dwellings of which there is a plethora within the district.

Rainfall.

The rainfall for the year was heavy - 31.27". November was the wettest month with 5.17"; the lowest fall recorded was in March, 0.95". The rainfall in the third quarter was exceptionally heavy, 12.23" being recorded.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area - 3437.73 acres inclusive of inland water
Resident population as computed by the Registrar-General mid 1946 - 4619.
Number of inhabited houses - 1665.
Rateable value - £33,863.
Sum represented by a penny rate - £127. 8. 5d.

	Total.	M.	F.
Live Births.	67	31	36
Legitimate.	60	27	33
Illegitimate.	7	4	3
Still Births.	2	0	2

Birth rate per 1000 estimated population - 14.5
Birth rate per 1000 total (live and still births) - 14.9
Birth rate for England and Wales per 1000 civilian population - 19.1.

	Total.	M.	F.
Deaths.	61	28	33

Death rate per 1000 estimated population - 13.2
Death rate for England and Wales per 1000 estimated population - 11.5
Deaths from puerperal sepsis - 0
Deaths from other puerperal causes - 0.
Deaths from cancer. - 8.
Deaths from measles - 0.
Deaths from whooping cough - 0.
Deaths from diarrhoea (under 2 years) - 1.
Deaths of infants under 1 year - 4.

General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

No important changes have been made during the year.

Sanitary Circumstances in the Area.

Water.

Water is purchased in bulk from the Hull Corporation and distributed by the Council.
Quantity registered by meter during the year - 57,442,000 gallons.
Minimum weekly consumption - 996,000 gallons
Maximum weekly consumption - 1,382,000 "
Average daily consumption - 157,375 "
New Services connected during the year - 20

In addition a water main was lad down the Atwick Road to supply seven farmhouses, and new water mains on the Advanced Housing Site for 84 houses.

Drainage and Sewage.

The drainage system has functioned efficiently throughout the year.

New sewers on the separate system have been constructed on the Advanced Housing Site on the Rolston Road for 84 houses.

Public Cleansing.

House refuse collections were carried out by motor transport at intervals of approximately ten days, the refuse being disposed of by incineration, at a total cost of £1,893.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

	Inspections.	Number in district.
Bakehouses.	4	4
Drainage works.	32	-
Rats and Mice Destruction.	26	-
Shops.	10	133
Water Supplies.	560	-
Dwelling Houses (all purposes)	123	1580
Food Inspection.	7	-

Camping Sites.

Number of sites in the area which were used for camping purposes during the year - - - - - - - - - - - - 4
Number of camping sites in respect of which licenses have been issued by the Local Authority under Section 269, Public Health Act, 1936 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 5
Estimated maximum number of campers resident in the area at one time during the summer season - - - - - - 1000
Estimated number of caravans, sheds, etc., which were used as permanent dwellings in the area - - - - 80

The further erection of new caravans and camping bungalows is not now permitted other than on two of the licensed camping sites.

Housing.

Inspection of dwelling houses during the year.

(1)	(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	52
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	76
(2)		Number of dwelling houses (included under Sub. head (1) above) which were inspected under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932.	0
(3)		Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	24
(4)		Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects	

fit for human habitation 21

Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers. 12

Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs 15

(2) Number od dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices.

(a) by Owners. 11

(b) by Local Authority in default of Owners. 2

(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.

(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices.

(a) by Owners. 15

(b) by Local Authority in default of Owners. 0

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	0
(2) Number of houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.	0

(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made.	1
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit.	0

New Houses.

(a) Total number of applicants for Council houses at end of year - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	495
(b) New houses to be erected by Local Authority - -	223

Progress with the new housing has been somewhat slow chiefly on account of the shortage of labour and materials. Many people are at present accommodated in buildings unsuited for permanent occupation or with two or three families in one house.

(c) Houses erected during the year.

	Type.		
	Prefabricated		Permanent.
	Temporary.	Permanent.	
By Local Authority.	15	0	0
By Private Enterprise	0	0	6

Houses in Course of Erection at end of year.

	Type.		
	Prefabricated.		Permanent.
	Temporary.	Permanent.	
By Local Authority.	0	0	84
By Private Enterprise.	0	0	3

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Milk Supply.

Number of Cowkeepers on the register - - - - - - - - - 9
Number of inspections of cowsheds - - - - - - - - - 18
Number of dairymen (other than cowkeepers) on the register - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 9
Number of inspections of dairy premises. 12

Contravention of Milk and Dairies Orders.

	Found during year.	Remedied during year.	Outstanding at end of year.
Cleansing	1		1
Structural Alterations	1		1
Utensils	1		1
Other matters.			

Notifiable Diseases during the year 1946.

Disease.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths.
Smallpox	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	3	2	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0
Enteric Fever	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever	0	0	0
Pneumonia	1	1	0
Other diseases generally notifiable			
(a) Measles	1	0	0
(b) Whooping Cough	2	0	0

Immunisation against diphtheria has been carried out under the County Council's general practitioner scheme.

Number of children in the age group 1 - 4 immunised - - - - 45
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Tuberculosis.

Three new cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis have been placed on the register during the year, one having come to notice without formal notification, the two remaining cases being members of H.M. Forces invalided on account of the disease. There have not been any deaths from Tuberculosis. Notification of the disease in the district is efficient.

Your obedient servant,

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Medical Officer of Health.

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